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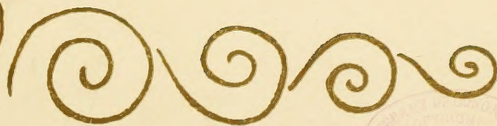
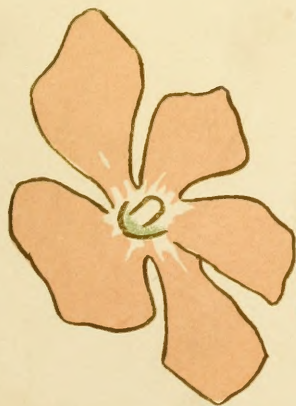




BERMUDA
IN
JUNE

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O FOR BERMUDA
IN JUNE! THE MINT-SWEET
BREEZES STIR,
AND FROM THE CEDAR'S DUSK THERE
COMES AT NOON
THE SHRILL CICALA'S WHIR.
THE HONEYSUCKLE'S FRAGRANCE
STEEPS THE AIR,
AND THE BEE IN THE
ORANGE-FLOWERS THRO' THE DROW-
-SY SUMMER HOURS
MAKES A MURMURING EVERY-
-WHERE.



FIELD-FLOWERS,
NIGHT-WEEDS AND DAY-WEEDS
HOLDING HIGH CARNIVAL;
QUEEN-THISTLES GOLDEN,
WHITE MAYWEEDS,-
RUSTLING AND WHISPERING ALL
ROSE-MALLOWES,
SWEET RED CLOVER,
DAWN-BLOSSOMS, AZURE-EYED;
AND GAY LANTANAS
CLIMB AND CLAMBER OVER
GREY WALL
AND MEADOW-SIDE



THE BEE'S AT THE
HONEYED HEART OF THE
YELLOW TRUMPET-FLOWER:
AND IN THE SOUTHERN GARDEN'S
SUNNIEST PART
THE IPOMOEAS COWER;
THE BROAD BANANA'S FEARLESS
LEAF UNFURLS,
BRAVING THE IDLE NORTH;
AND, SARDEL-HUED,
THE BOLD HIBISCUS HURLS
ITS SHORT-LIV'D
BLOSSOMS FORTH.



TH' IXORA'S GLUMES OF
RED

STAND STIFF
TO THE NOONDAY SUN;
CRAPE-MYRTLES TRAIL THEIR
CRUMPLED PETALS SHED,-
ROSE-TINCTURED, - ONE BY ONE.
THE WANTON WINDS OF MORN,

SILVER THE SNUFF-PLANT'S
GREEN; THE PRICKLY PEAR LIGHTS
UP, MID JEALOUS THORN,
HER PALE-COLD LAMPS SERENE.



THE SWEET-PEAS
CURSEY AND
QUAVER
IN A MADCAP MINUET,
AND THE AMARYLLIS-BLOOMS
WAVER O'ER THE BEDS OF
MIGNONETTE:
THE CRESTED
CARDINAL-BIRD
FLASHES THE WARM AIR THROUGH
AND FROM THE GREENWOOD'S
DUSKIEST NICHE IS HEARD
THE QUAKER-DOVE'S LOW COO.



THE SHELL-PLANT'S BUDS,
CLOSE-SET,
STEAL OPEN, TREASURE-FILL'D;
THE STEPHANOTIS' WAXEN STARS
ARE WET
WITH HONEY SUN-DISTILL'D;
IN A WAYWARD PURPLE RIOT
THE MORNING-GLORIES SPREAD
THEIR DISCS, AS THE DAWN'S
FIRST QUIET
BREAKS TO SUNRISE
OVERHEAD.



THE JASMINE'S GOLDEN STAR
FROM ITS DUSKY COVERT GLOWS;
THE OLEANDER-HEDGES,
NEAR AND FAR.
BREAK IN WAVES OF WHITE
AND ROSÉ:
AND THE SIGHS OF A
WANDERING BREEZE
THRO' THE TALL PALMETTOES CREEP,
WITH A SOUND LIKE THE
RIPPLE OF SEAS
WHEN THEY MURMUR HALF-ASLEEP.



AGAINST THE MOON'S
BROAD DISC
I CAN SEE THE BELL-FLOWER
SWAY, AND PINKY CYMES OF
FEATHERY TAMARISK
DRIP WITH THE SALT SEA-
SPRAY.
THE GAY LANTANA'S FLAME-HUED
FLOWERS GROW HIGH
IN ROADWAY HEDGE AND MEAD;
THE FRANGIPANE'S FRAGRANCE
WANDERS HIGH.
BY SOUTH-WIND
KISSES FREED



THE SUN-STOART
MELON SWELLS
IN THE THYMY GARDEN
- CLOSEA
THE LANCE-LEAV'D YUCCA'S
SPIRES OF CREAMY BELLS
STAND UP IN STately ROWS,
EACH CACTUS-BUD UNWRAPS ITS
SILVER CUP,
SCENTING THE SWOONING
AIR,
A HUNDRED GRACIOUS CALYCES
HELD UP O'ERBRIMMED WITH
SPICES RARE!



THE BLUEBIRD SWAYS
AND SWINGS
ON THE LISSOME BAMBOO'S
HEIGHT, AND FROM THE
PASSION-FLOWER'S CURLING
RINGS
DROOP GLOBES OF CHRYSOLITE.

THE PIGEON-BERRY'S
LILAC BLOSSOMS LEAN
TO THE LILY'S LILAC STARS
MAVRANDIA'S NETWORK
GREEN
GARLANDS THE GREY
WALL'S SCARS.



AQUAMARINE IN THE SHALLOWS,
WIREDARK THE REEFS ABOON,
AND SHIFTING OPAL
WHERE THE BEACH LINE YELLOWS,
O FOR THE OCEAN IN JUNE!
SEA-MARIGOLDS BLAZE OUT THEIR
STARRY LUSTRES
'GAINST THE WAT'RY FIRMAMENT,
AND, ON EACH
GRASSY BENT THE
BAY-GRAPE HANGS
ITS CLUSTERS.



THE CLEMATIS CLIMBERS HIGH,
TO FALL
IN A FOAMY SHOWER;
AND RED AGAINST THE MISTY
DEEPS OF SKY GLOWS THE
POMEGRANATE FLOWER.
O FOR BERMUDA IN JUNE!
WHEN THE ROSES LIE A Swoon
—THE COOL SEAWIND
FANS SOFTLY THE DROOZY
LAND, AND THE RIPPLES
ON THE STRAND
LAPSE IN A LANGUOROUS TUNE!

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